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Drug Laws Explained

By DAVE McCARTHY

In the last several years the subject of hundreds of conversations has been about drugs, or some form of drug abuse. This subject has been used time and time again as the topic of English papers, speech classes, sociology and psychology discussions by a variety of students. By now, we are all aware of how drugs are abused, both mentally and physically.

The only subject of drug abuse that is not covered as

often as abuse itself are the legal consequences following an arrest for some drug violation.

Greenfield Community College students have an impressive record for NOT being illegally involved with drugs. This record reflects on either the students knowledge of the penalties for getting caught, and therefore they do not get involved, or of the intelligence for getting away with abusing drugs without getting caught. Which it is we'll leave to the individual reader.

Those who thought they were aware of the laws regulating drug abuse may not be aware that those laws have been changed. Last year the penalties were quite harsh in comparison to the act itself. Possession of certain drugs, known as "narcotics," which included marijuana, were classified as felonies, punishable by up to 3 1/2 years in prison or up to 5 years if the drug was heroin. Conviction for selling narcotics could have earned a dealer up to 10 years in prison or as much as 25 years if the charge involved sale of drug a second, or subsequent time.

On July 1, 1972 the General Court of Massachusetts established new laws regulating drugs, with penalties that fit more comparably with the crime. The Legislature first off changed the name of the crime, so that drugs are not classified as being a narcotic or harmful drug, but instead are all classified as being "controlled substances" and individually placed into groupings representing order of decreasing harmfulness, ranging from Class "A" to Class "E".

A Class "A" drug for example would be heroin, while Class "B" would be amphetamines and barbituric acids, Class "C" would cover LSD, peyote, and mescaline. Class "D" covers marijuana and Class "E" covers mainly cough medicines containing codeine, morphine or opium portions. These are just a few known examples from each Class. Simple possession of any

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Caps, Gowns For Graduation This Year

By CYNDIE GRISSE

Due to both student and faculty concern over the lack of student participation in the graduation ceremonies, there will be some alterations in the way this year's, and future graduations will be run.

A student-faculty committee met last week and drew up a list of several recommendations that they hope will make the graduation day more meaningful, as well as be a fun occasion for the student.

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Cabaret Cast Headed By Deni Pervere

After many nights of long, exhausting, but none-the-less fun-filled auditions, the cast for "Cabaret", the spring musical, has been chosen. Capturing the leads are Deni Pervere, as Sally Bowles, the nightclub singer, and Steve Collins, as the master of ceremonies of the Kit Kat Klub. Miss Pervere will be familiar to those who saw the college productions of "Death of a Salesman" and "Man of La Mancha"; Collins is a newcomer to the college.

Larry Garland plays Cliff Bradshaw, an American who comes to Germany seeking inspiration for a novel and finds Sally Bowles.

Bea Friedman and Brad Hendricks, veterans both of last spring's "Fiddler On The Roof" and last semester's "Matchmaker," take on the roles of Fraulein Schneider, owner of a rooming-house, and Herr Schulz, owner of a fruit stand, and one of her tenants. Another tenant, Fraulein Kost, is portrayed by Judy Dean, and the part of Ernst by Andy Thibault.

The Kit Kat Klub Kittens are Kitty Bender, Linda Bergsten, Sally Herbert, Lois Morrison, Sheri Satterlee, Eleanor Smithers, Bernadette Sprayberry and Debbie Roberts, who also plays the telephone girl. Joe Sokul doubles as a customers officer and a waiter. The other waiters, all of whom dance and sing in several numbers, are Brent Brown, Mike Conery, Robbie Crosby, Joe LaRoche and Richard Van Voris.

The part of the gorilla has not yet been cast.

State Board Adopts New Parking Rules

By CHARLES LOVEN

On February 9, The Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges adopted a new set of laws governing the motor vehicle traffic and parking areas of its community colleges.

Charles Carter, GCC, director of the physical plant explained that as soon as parking tickets are printed and sent to the college, physical plant personnel will begin ticketing cars that are improperly parked or parked in an undesignated area.

Fines will range from three to five dollars, which may, in some cases, be higher in cost than the tickets Greenfield Police affix to similar parking violations off campus. The ticketing done by the college will be limited to the violations that occur on the college campus.

All fines and penalties recovered for violations of rules and regulations should be accounted for by the clerk of the

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Student Legal Aid Being Sought At GCC

By TIM DONOVAN

Greenfield Community College student government is considering providing legal services for its students. The legal aid committee with the aid of Stephen Swartz, Franklin County Community Action lawyer, has considered a general counseling service modeled on the system presently in use at the UMass.

At UMass., students who find themselves in need of legal aid, may see Richard Howland, a lawyer who has his offices in the student center. He provides

Local Rep For More Protection For Consumer

By KATHRYN LEBERT

BOSTON — Representative Edward A. McColgan spoke before the Joint Committee on Government Regulations Tuesday in support of an act to create a Peoples' Rate Counsel.

Representative McColgan, a Democrat from Northampton issued the following statement:

"The general public in Massachusetts is being deceived, deceived by a regulatory process that they believe is giving them adequate representation at hearings where public utility companies have requested rate increases. In fact, they are either not being represented or the representation is so feeble, it is no more than token. The problem lies with the existing system. The power to act as an advocate is granted to the Consumer Council and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. In both instances it is permissive, no mandatory. With their limited staff and funds if these offices are involved in one hearing, others will go unchallenged. Even if the Department of Public Utilities set aside rate increases without an advocate intervening, the increase will be granted."

"There is, in my mind," said McColgan, "an indication that utility companies give these agencies a 'one-two-three-four punch.' One or two companies file for increase, tie up the staff and funds, and companies three and four slip by almost unnoticed and get an increase."

McColgan mentioned a group called CONSUM-IRATE which recently opposed a rate request by Western Massachusetts Electric Company while the Consumer Council and the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division had their funds tied up in the Boston Edison request.

"The consumer needs an advocate whose action is mandated and funded," McColgan said. "Without this the consumer will continue to be deceived and have his 14th Amendment rights violated by an inadequate defense."

Joining Representative McColgan in sponsoring the bill

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counseling, advice and out of court paper work to assist the student in any legal entanglement. He does not litigate court proceedings, but he does counsel students on their rights as citizens and students and tells them what lawyer would be best suited to handle their individual cases.

According to Howland, 80 percent of all court actions could be settled out of court if the students solicited a lawyer's aid when the problem first arises.

The types of problems a GCC lawyer would be called upon to handle can be broken down into four major categories:

1) landlord-tenant relations, including leases, rents, repairs and improvements, and health standards;

2) creditor-debtor relations, including contracts, loans, credit, installment purchasing, and various other small claims;

3) police-individual relations, including possible court appearances, traffic violations, and accidents;

4) student government representation, including defense of student policies, investigation of students rights, and possible incorporation of clubs and committees.

With eighteen years of age being the proposed age of majority, students are going to have to become aware of their right. To solve this problem effectively, a workshop has been proposed to provide the student with a working knowledge of housing law. This workshop will be taught by Stephen Swartz, and is tentatively scheduled for late March. The cost will be minimal, perhaps \$2 per student. This workshop will not only provide the student with knowledge of housing law, but will also illustrate the blatant need of students for decent, forthright counseling in legal matters.

The student government intends to fund the legal aid program with student monies. It will first show, however, that there is a need for such services. It intends to survey the student body, questioning them on previous legal hassles, thereby showing what the major needs are. It also intends to canvass the prominent local attorneys, judges and police officials, asking for suggestions and possible alternatives to the plans.

The legal aid committee also plans to write letters to other colleges, governments and administrations, asking for pertinent information.

The student government is asking for the full support of the student body in this endeavor. Honesty in filling out the surveys, and critical suggestions and ideas from the student body will be necessary for the successful completion and implementation of this plan. The survey will be put out in classes next week.

Anyone interested in assisting this program can contact Bob Malloy at his office in the West Building.

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An Anal Association

There's nothing like returning to college to measure how old you have gotten after spending a year and a half out working among the common folks. I remember in the old days I used to fashion myself as a liberal to a degree, but that was using the standards of fellow workers, parents, and a few magazine articles for comparison. Greenfield Community College is throwing a new light upon the subject—namely me, and I am discovering a few wrinkles I didn't know I had.

For instance, in my second day of history class our teacher decided to play a little game with the class to get some idea of "Where our heads are." She read off a list of words and the students wrote down the first word they thought of or the first word they associated with the given word. Most of the responses fell within certain general categories, although there were a few very strange associations.

The associated response for the word "America" interested me particularly: it seemed that about half, perhaps more, of the students wrote down 'shit' or various synonyms.

"So that is where their heads are at," I thought to myself, "I must have been living under a stone this past year and a half. Discontent in the society, yes; but half the class saying 'shit'? Where do you begin with 'shit'? Are there that many people who see no beginning?"

I have begun to rationalize away a bit of the edge to that history class by telling myself that it has become fashionable to 'dump' on America, and that many of the students were answering in the way they thought proper. I'm not sure that does much for the validity of the free association test, but it felt good to be brought up to date on the current fashions. Meanwhile, back to Walt Whitman.

—Ed Griggs

Orange Night

Orange night sky
nearer to me than black sky
Concentric rings in puddles
Flashes of wet on my face

Where is everybody?
Even the pad of my sneakers
echoes on this street!

The sky is orange!
The air is dyed with mist!
(it is not cold either)
And people are nowhere around
(except the hiss of tires on a distant highway)

I am ashamed to stop
at the Unusually Large tree
and watch it twist out of the ground
People may spy me from
cracks in their curtains a drunk man

by Ed Griggs

Local Rep.--

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were the Western Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group, Association of Massachusetts Consumers, Representative Mahoney (D) Cambridge, Representative McCarthy (D) East Bridgewater, Representative Businger (D) Brookline, Representative Ahearn (D) Norwood, Representative Lois Pines (D) Newton.

Parking Rules-

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court in Greenfield, and forwarded to the state treasurer, who shall deposit such fines and penalties in the state treasury in a special fund to be known as the Regional Community College Scholarship Fund which shall be used, subject to appropriation, for the purpose of granting scholarships to worthy students as the board shall determine.

Legislators Discuss New Ed Plan For Mass

By KATHRYN LEBERT

"A rather broad reshuffling" was State Senator John Olver reaction to Secretary of Education Joseph M. Cronin's proposed revision of the education system of Massachusetts.

Senator Olver joined Representative Jay Healy, Representative Edward Shortell, student Lois Morrison and Arthur Shaw in a discussion of the revision February 24.

Secretary Cronin's revision calls for the state to be divided into five regions. Each of these regions will be governed by a board of 15 members. There will be one statewide board to head elementary schools and another to head higher education.

Olver fears Cronin's revision will "impose regionism on education."

"Decisions should be made regional and statewide when applicable," Representative Healy said.

Lois Morrison, giving her view as a student said the revision appears to be "taking prestige away from a lot of people and placing it on a closer knit group."

Could education be administered in a more central structure?", Representative Shortell asked.

Representative Healy said that the revision will bring the costs up substantially. "We should see if we are getting our dollars worth," Healy said.

Senator Olver recognized a raise in cost resulting from Cronin's intent to place a large university in each region. Expansions will have to be made of one campus in each region.

The revision will "save money by reducing local aid," Olver said, resulting in less money granted to elementary and secondary schools.

Structural changes look nice on paper but whether they meet the problems is another matter," Senator Olver said.

A present problem mentioned by Olver was poor planning in education teachers which resulted in more college graduates than available jobs.

The Senator "doesn't see any fortitude on the part of Secretary Cronin or the Governor" to eliminate poor educational decisions such as the decision to locate the Massachusetts College of Art in Dover. Olver said that instead of connecting the school with an existing college in Boston, it was decided to be located far from museums or facilities the students would use. Olver regarded this decision as a "political matter."

Representative Healy felt Olver's criticism unfair. "I don't see any plan I or anyone could devise to keep politics from interfering," Healy said.

Representative Shortell expressed a real problem in financing education. He mentioned the plans to increase the number of community colleges in Massachusetts from 13 to 18, yet the state hasn't completed building the 13. Shortell said he would prefer to see each facility brought to completion before constructing new colleges, unless the funds are sure to be available.

Concerning the proposed revision of the education system Healy asked, "What are the goals of this type of effort?"

Healy said there is a need to make a more meaningful change for the student.

The question of whether the new system is better than the one we have was brought up by Representative Shortell.

The discussion was taped in the Media Center to be shown on CATV 12 News on March 15 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Your Horoscope

By SYBIL SNEEK

March 9: You've been very patient all day and tonight it will pay off. You will have a restful evening, happy and relaxed, as long as you don't think about what may happen to you the rest of the week.

March 10: Today is very dangerous for you with regard to machinery. For example, avoid sticking the knife in the toaster while it's still plugged in, keep your electric toothbrush tied up in the bathroom and don't be surprised if your car blows up.

March 11: Try not to get angry today, a quick temper may mean disaster. Lie if you must, to keep peace in the family. Today is a good to enhance your reputation as a truth-teller, however, so make the lies sound believable.

March 12: Forget the past and build a new you! Manicure, new hairstyle, etc., are in order here. Or perhaps a face-lift, a body transplant . . .

March 13: There's a snooper around, prying into your private affairs, reading your diary (I read it, and, believe me, you better keep it hidden), and spouting personal facts about you to others.

March 14: Bad day to work with kids, or anyone younger than you. Help an old lady across the street and try not to giggle if her teeth fall out or something.

March 15: Bad day to eat poisonous mushrooms.

March 16: Take two greenish-yellow apple peels, toss them gently over your left shoulder, spin around on your heels and drop to one knee. The apple peels will spell out an extremely important message concerning the future direction of your life. The message, of course, is super-secret, so no one will figure out what it means.

March 17: Today's prediction is that there will be no prediction for today.

March 18: Again, no prediction. My, what a dull and uninteresting life you lead. I will take this opportunity to impart to you one of my favorite recipes: Sneeck's Gorgeous Ghoulash: Take 13 caterpillar fingernails and seven spider navels. Mix thoroughly with the tears of a fair maiden who has just eaten a dead buttercup, and two eggs laid by a chicken with varicose veins. Beat with a spoon until dead. Spread mess on ungreased cookie sheet, 16 by 22 feet, and bake for two weeks. Cut into squares, serve, and throw up. (Makes only two dozen, but at least you don't have to worry about people asking for seconds.)

March 19: The world is coming to an end today!

March 20: Would you believe tomorrow?

March 21: Just as I was writing this I looked at the clock and noticed it was almost midnight. I don't have time to write much more—look at one of last week's predictions, chances are if you change a word here and there you'll have an accurate one for today.

March 22: The first stroke of midnight—the witching hour—just sounded. I can't write anymore because I'm turning into a pumpk . . .

Counseling Center Personal Counseling

2nd Floor West Building
Offices 2A and 2B

January Term Revisited (CONTINUED)

By ROB CROSBY

"I can't give you medication myself," Faye Dunaway explained, speaking slowly and clearly as if to someone of sub-normal intelligence. "I'd have to wake the doctor up and I don't really think he'd appreciate that." She folded her arms across her chest in what was apparently a gesture indicating satisfaction and victory. She forgot, however, that her left hand was holding a cup of coffee so I had the last laugh as I fled from the hospital.

I concentrated on a mental picture of the nurse, cursing and swearing as she washed and scrubbed her coffee-stained uniform the next day, and so kept my mind off the pain until I found a phone booth. I no longer felt responsible for my own actions and wanted to put the burden onto someone else.

"I'd like to call my friend Cyndie," I told the operator, "but I don't have her number."

"What is the last name?" the operator inquired nasally, and I murmured, "Oh, darn," trying desperately to remember.

I could hear the operator ruffling pages and muttering, "Cynthia Odarn, Cynthia Odarn. How is that last name spelled?"

"Why me?" I moaned and hung up, thinking of the operator ruffling more pages and muttering, "Cynthia Wymie, Cynthia Wymie..."

I must say that when I banged on Cyndi's door at 3 A.M. she was very cordial as she let me in, though rather zombie-like. She plopped me down on the couch, bombarded me with pillows and blankets, and would have gone back to bed had I not decided to relate to her everything that had happened to me during the evening.

Cyndie sat on the floor and listened very patiently, never saying a word, to all that I recounted. When I was through I thanked her for her attentiveness, told her I felt a lot better and woke her up and sent her back to bed. I spent the whole night hoping desperately I would wake up at home and find the whole thing a nightmare.

I didn't wake up, but it did continue to be a nightmare. Two more days elapsed during which I returned to my dentist eight times for medication that became progressively stronger as the pain increased. The dentist told me I had two choices; he could work on the tooth weekly for the next several months or I could go into the hospital for surgery. I didn't think I would last several months, but I did not by any means wish to return to the hospital. I just knew I would get the same blonde nurse as an attendant and I could see her grinning wickedly as she

accidentally-on-purpose spilled bedpans over my head, or tortured me with an unsterilized thermometer. "I'll teach you to make me spill coffee all over myself," she would say gleefully, disconnecting my cardiogram. "I'll teach you to get sick at two-thirty-five in the morning."

I was spared making a choice between agony of tooth and agony of nurse when my face became massively infected and there was no choice but to have the tooth out. My right eye was stuck shut, tight as an attic window, and my upper lip was frozen into a gangster-like grimace.

It was, of course, an icy morning, with schools and businesses closed because of bad weather when I was driven to a dental surgeon by a friendly neighbor. I sat for half an hour in the waiting room with a foreign-looking man and two old ladies who were chatting about the rising trend of too much sex on the radio. Sex on the radio? I was too bewildered by pain-killers to follow their conversation. Finally a uniformed office assistant appeared who did not. I was glad to see, look a bit like Faye Dunaway. She escorted my to a private waiting room that contained one other patient.

"Keep him company," the girl suggested, and I turned and tried to smile. The man took one look at my bloated face, my swollen eye, and my distorted lip, and with a gasp he scooted down to the other end of the bench, babbling to the girl in a strange language.

The girl turned back to me and placed her hands on her hips. "You mean to say you're not his friend Ponos?" she demanded accusingly, and when I shook my head, confused, she grabbed me by the arm and dragged me back to the main waiting room.

The other man there was, of course, Ponos, and as the girl led him away, apologizing, both of them gave me sidelong looks of pity. What more can happen to me? I thought. The two old ladies, meanwhile, had exhausted the subject of sex and were now on violence. "After he killed her he took the ax and sliced up her gall bladder," one of them was saying when the office girl mercifully reappeared and suddenly I was in the operating chair, my mouth propped open with what tasted very much like a pencil eraser, and a needle sliding into my arm.

"Relax, Robert," the girl said soothingly, and then more and more insistently, "Relax, Robert, relax. Robert. Robert! Wake up, Robert, wake up! It's over! Please, come out of it!"

My tongue crept up and touched emptiness where once a tooth had hung happily, never dreaming it would one day be torn from the companionship of its fellow munchers.

I was told, in effect, that if I touched the remaining blood clot with my tongue I would probably bleed to death, and then they sent me home.

Forty-eight hours later I arose from my bed, reveling in the beauty of no pain at all. For the first time in nearly a week I felt like living again. No more shots for me. I resolved, no more doctors, or dentists, or nurses or medicine. I'm going to live a happy, healthy, normal life. I then pranced out into the kitchen and stomped cefully on a rusty nail.

But that's another story.

LEGAL AID SURVEY

The Student Government is considering providing legal services for the student from student monies. We are concerned with problems we see as existing and presently developing with the changing age of majority, in areas such as landlord-tenant relations, creditor-debtor relations, police-individual relations and Student Government, student group relations.

We are investigating various options of legal counseling and legal services. Among options that have been suggested are: workshops and courses on student rights; legal counseling without legal services; legal counseling and legal services up to, but not including court appearances; and legal advise and representation.

We are distributing this survey as an information gathering device on student opinion about this matter. We appreciate your ideas and criticisms on this matter.

LEGAL AID COMMITTEE

CHECK AS APPROPRIATE:

What areas have you experienced legal difficulties involving legal services in the past year?

LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS*

Leases _____
Repairs and improvements _____
Health standards _____
Other _____

CREDITOR-DEBTOR RELATIONS*

Contracts _____
Loans _____
Credit _____
Installment purchasing _____
Small claims _____
Other _____

POLICE-INDIVIDUAL RELATIONS*

Court appearances _____
Traffic _____
Accidents _____
Other _____

STUDENT GOVERNMENT and STUDENT GROUP RELATIONS*

QUESTIONS:

1. Have you needed legal services in the past school year?
2. Have you received such services?
3. Do you see the need for legal services at Greenfield? If so, why? If not, why not?
4. What would be the most appropriate method of handling legal services?
 - Workshops
 - Counseling
 - Workshops and Referrals
 - Counseling and legal services not including court appearances
 - Legal services including court appearances
5. Do you see the need for workshops on student rights and legal services?

Movies and Music Featured For March Student Activities

By CINDY CHASE

On Wednesday, March 14th at the Campus Center, the movie "McCabe & Mrs. Miller" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Admission is 75 cents for GCC students.

Warren Beatty stars as a small-time gambler whose business is bringing pleasure to the Presbyterian Church. Julie Christie stars as the hard-nosed "Lady" who urges him in setting her up in business and splitting the profits. Then the town "mobsters" are interested and the fun begins.

Fox Watson will sing at the Campus Center for the Coffee Hour on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 from 8-11 p.m. Free Admission for GCC students and \$1.00 for guests. Coffee, cider and pastries will be available.

Watson is 21 years old and comes from Snow Camp, North Carolina. He plays acoustic guitar and sings country rock N' roll songs. He also picks out on the five string banjo.

On Friday, March 30, 1973, the Activities office is sponsoring "THE DICK BOOTH ORIGINAL GREASER RECORD HOP," at the Hatfield Barn in Hatfield, Mass. from 8:30 - 12:30. Admission is \$1.00 for GCC students and their guests.

Over 2,000 selections dating back to 1953 will be played. Some of these records: Elvis,

Drug Laws--

(Continued From Page One) controlled substance is to be considered a misdemeanor.

For "possession" of any controlled substance other than marijuana, heroin or a Class "E" drug, the penalty for the first conviction is, not more than 1 year in jail or not more than \$1000 fine, or both. For possession of heroin, first conviction, the penalty is not more than 2 years or not more than \$2000, or both, while possession of marijuana, first conviction, the defendant may be offered probation by the court, but at the written request of the court may be sentenced up to 6 months in jail or \$500 fine, or both. For possession of a Class "E" drug, you may receive not more than 6 months or \$500, or both.

For a second or subsequent conviction of possession of all controlled substances except Class "E", and including marijuana and heroin, you may receive not more than 2 years or not more than \$2000, or both. A second conviction for a Class "E" drug could result in 6 months or \$500, or both.

These penalties may seem mild in comparison to the old laws. What the Court has done is to correlate the punishment with the crime. They in turn also realized the seriousness of dealing in drug traffic and responded with suitable penalties. They clarified the term "selling" by incorporating the term "distributing, manufacturing or dispensing" in place of selling. This also includes possession with intent to distribute, manufacture or dispense a real or counterfeit substance and the penalty for conviction could be up to 25 years in prison.

For distributing, manufacturing or dispensing, or with intent to distribute, manufacture or dispense a Class "A" or "B" substance, the penalty for a first conviction would be not more than 10 years, \$20,000, or both. A second or subsequent conviction could receive not less than 5 years, not more than 15 years, or not more than \$30,000. For a Class "C" substance, first conviction, the penalty is not more than 5 years, \$10,000 or both, with subsequent convictions to be not less than 3 years, not more than 10 years, or \$20,000. For Class "D", first conviction, a penalty of not more than 2 years, \$5000, or both, and subsequent convictions would be not less than 2 years, not more than 5 years, or \$10,000. A Class "E" substance, first conviction, might draw up to 1 year or \$2500, or both, with second or subsequent convictions to receive not less than 1 year, not more than 2 years, or \$5000.

The court did see fit to eliminate the crime of "Being Present" where any controlled substance is kept, with the exception of heroin. To be "knowingly" present where heroin is kept, or when caught in possession of a hypodermic syringe or needle, a defendant could receive up to 1 year, or \$1000, or both for the first conviction. Subsequent convictions could draw up to 2 years, or \$2000, or both.

One other interesting change in the law is, if a person is convicted of stealing a controlled substance, he or she may receive up to 10 years in prison or up to \$500 fine, or both.

The General Court provided broad penalties, to allow Lower courts wide discretion in application of those penalties, depending on circumstances, revealed in court hearing. Discretion has also been left with every student, whether to live with or live without drugs.

Student Health Center

NEW HOURS
ANNOUNCED

Beginning March 12
Monday to Thursday

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.
Friday
9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Tobogganeers Undaunted By Loss

By RAY GODIN

On Thursday, February 22, Dave Johnson, Will Roberts, Doug Herrick and this reporter travelled to Lake Placid, New York to compete in the North American Toboggan Championships. Johnson, Roberts and Herrick planned to enter the two-man, the three-man and the mayor's cup races.

On arriving in Lake Placid, we were welcomed by the lights on the marquee of the Olympic Arena which heralded the evening's activities. After finding a place to stay, we headed for the toboggan chute as registration time was fast approaching. By the 7:00 p.m. race time, several hundred spectators had gathered despite the biting cold, and the two-man races were about to start.

Standing by the edge of the runway, I was amazed at how fast these toboggans were shooting out onto the lake. After consulting with race officials, I learned that these toboggans average a speed of about 60 mph as they leave the 150 ft. chutes. In a field of over 100 teams, GCC unfortunately did not place in the top ten.

Next came the mayor's cup race, in which a three-man team is officially representing its home town. Due to unexpected circumstances, this reporter was approached to be the third man in a team representing the town of Leyden. After glancing up the chute, I agreed, and so we started up to the starting gate. Let me note here that looking up the chute from the bottom is not quite the same experience as looking down the chute from the starting gate. To steal an old show biz adage, "The show must go on," although I felt it was more like a suicide attempt than a toboggan race. Then we began. Going down the run, I got up nerve to glance out of the corner of my eye, but the only thing visible was a blurred wall of faces as we flew past the crowd. By the end of the run, I managed to swallow my heart long enough to realize we had taken fifth place. By the second run of that event, we had dropped to seventh place, but we managed to keep it through the rest of the competition. Finally came the three-man events, in which we didn't quite manage as well as in the mayor's cup. However, as we left the racing area, one topic was in general discussion. What did you say the date was next year?

Fox Watson On Campus March 16

By ANDY THIBAULT

Coming to our coffee house campus on March 16 will be Fox Watson, a superstar in our up and coming world of down home music. He's a 21-year-old country boy from Snow Camp, North Carolina. Fox plays acoustic guitar and sings songs of Southern mountain tradition. He also can pick banjo with the best and leave most with the rest.

Brian Gilmore stated that the campus coffee shop will be re-decorated with checkered tablecloths, candles on every table and an atmosphere of genuine "get it on ho-down entertainment."

Preceeding his performance at GCC he will be appearing at Windham College with Mimi Farina where there will be a door charge of \$3.00.

Can Baseball Be Far Behind?

By MIKE NORMAN

GCC's mens basketball team ended their season Saturday night, February 24th, when they were defeated by western division champion Holyoke Community by a score of 86-66.

The Red Barons trailed by only two points, 26-24, at half-time, but the experienced GCC team, led by former Holyoke High School star Mike Dean, broke it open in the second half to gain the victory. Dean set a Holyoke team record as he scored an amazing 44 points as Holyoke upped their record to 14-3.

Bill Erman had top honors for Greenfield with 17 points followed by Mick Herrick who had 12 and Souheil Asmaz, Keith Schempp and John Gale who each poured in 9 apiece.

The Red Barons ended up season play with a 3-11 record. However, despite their disappointing season, Frank Richiedei's boys gave it their all the entire season hustling in every game and never giving up until the final buzzer.

The majority of the team were freshman so they will be back next year for another season. However, for Souheil Asmaz and Mike McDonald the game in Holyoke was their final in a GCC uniform. These two were top scorers during the season and truly will be missed next year.

GCC's girls squad closed out their season last week by losing two close ones to the girls from North Adams 30-28 and to Mt. Holyoke 32-27. These two tough losses cost the girls a winning season as they ended up 5-7 overall. However, in league play the girls finished at 4-4 for a very respectable third place finish in the western division of the Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference.

The Red Barones were led this year by the fabulous play of Kathy Cunningham who poured in 108 points during the season. The former Mohawk Regional star was followed by Fran Callaghan who tallied 76

points despite the fact that she did not join the team until the midway point of first semester play. Also helping out in the scoring and in all-around play were Debby Julian, Jean Bickford, Gay Farr and Jean McAllon.

For the ladies injuries played a major part in the team's season as they lost four players during the season due to injury.

Probably the most significant injury occurred when Stephanie Hathaway, a top first semester performer, sprained an ankle in the team's February 10th game with Mt. Wachusett. Also injured and out of action a good part of the season were Pam Beauregard (back), Jean Dunas (sprained ankle) and Linda Campbell (knee).

The girls were coached by the very energetic Marge Slocum who, along with GCC girls' basketball and Greenfield High School girls' softball. This was Marge's fourth year at GCC. Her best season came three years ago when the team won the community college state tournament.

This year's team was comprised of all first year students with the exception of the talented Fran Callaghan who will be graduating in June. With Kath and the gang back next year for another season the team looks very strong which is good news for GCC followers and of course for Marge Slocum.

With basketball season ending can baseball be far away? Bill Herdich GCC's coach is expecting another winning season as he enters his fourth year at the helm. The team had a meeting Thursday in the west building to discuss plans for the season which is scheduled to begin Saturday April 14th when they will take on Mr. Wachusett CC. In the next few weeks as the snow begins to leave the ground the team will be working out in preparation for the coming season in what is probably GCC's strongest sport.

The Lighter Side Of Booze

T'was a second before midnight and throughout the bar, people were lining up three deep. At the stroke of the hour a hush encased everyone, and the pretty pig stood at the microphone and said, "It's all yours!"

The crowd roared and made a saluting toast to drinking. The band played like they never played before, and everyone began to boogie.

The bar was pleased at its business, and even the bartender was singing and moving with the music. The beer came out of the taps in a constant stream, not giving time for a rest.

When asked what he thought of this whole ordeal, one individual stated, slurring, "There shhur ain't beer in heaven, but there shhur ays a plenty here."

As the cash registers rang, the beer taps flowed and the band played, the night slowly

Chess Club

GCC has a chess club. Yes! that's right; the college does have a chess club which meets every Tuesday between 11:30 and 2:00 with three boards available for use. There is no service charge for the use of these boards! There are not club dues. This is a way to improve your chess game whether you are a master or even if you think chess is something you pin a medal on. It's a great way to kill time too! Also remember that the more you put into it the more you will get out of it.

Caps, Gowns--

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There was a question whether or not caps and gowns should be worn. The committee decided to wear them for at least this year, and possibly exclude them in future years according to the wishes of the students.

On the list of changes that was given to President Lewis O. Turner for consideration, was the suggestion that the ceremony itself be held earlier in the day, so there would be time for some entertainment afterward.

The entertainment itself may include a barbecue — perhaps a catered barbecue, so as not to burn up the Greenfield High Schools' grounds. — Following that there is a chance of having a rock group perform.

These changes came about as the result of a realization by Dean of Students Robert Keir, that the number of students participating in their own graduation was decreasing more and more, as the years went by. It was suggested that the reason was that many of the students felt that graduation was outdated as well as being boring. GCC hopes to change all that, and come up with something that its students will remember with pleasure for many years to come.

CROSS SECTION More Poems By Tom Harvey

ThanksGiving Day

"turkey")bang(he said
"why i'd)chop("love some".

salivary gland
out of hand
understanding man

what must)be(is done
to whatever)must(suffer

meat, the beat
of body flesh,
the flood of fire.

brazen bird)turkey(well stuffed
with all the)honors(of peagan thanks

giving our grace
disgrace the face
of sincerity

oven smells)hot(of burning flesh
can't forgive/
unlived human animal fish fowl life
even when well-cooked
at this rate
a self cleaning oven is all that will survive.

Poem to Richard Nixon

what a)white man(
you are.

living in a)white house(
palace.
pretending you)are(
commander in chief
)great white hope(
telling little lies
a small matter of lives
you've ended abruptly.
the white dove of peace
is dead in your cage.

Mr. Escalate Nixon
writing a truce
with blood
content and smiling
little)white(smiles
while the whole world is placed
beneath little)white(stones

Spaceship
Be
A
spacEship

jetheaDedboy
pUt
rockets in Your pockets
and plaNe on out
through runWay universe
blast off
your earthlEad shackles
launChout
for some foReign place
spacE race
paCe

yourself streaked in heatwaves
sound two dAys behind
your stride
opeN wide
and evAporate



PARKING congestion at the West Campus is shown in this photo looking East. The West Building is on the right.
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